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TOPIC 1. Strausberg Airfield

2. Strausberg Air Force Depot

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1. Thirty-eight twin-engine aircraft with double rudder assemblies and covered with tarpaulins, were counted at the Strausberg (N 53/V 15) airfield at noon on 12 May 1950. A formation of 12 twin-engine planes with double rudder assembly flew over the field. They apparently were not assigned to the field. No changes in the status of the ammunition dump and the field personnel were noticed.

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2. Twenty-four twin-engine planes stationed at the Strausberg airfield made formation flights between 10 and 11 a.m. on 26 April 1950. Description: Low-wing monoplane, two in-line engines protruding slightly beyond wings, double rudder assembly, trailing edge of elevator assembly slightly bent to the rear, tail wheel forward of elevator unit, lower section of nose of plexiglass, a device, probably a directional loop antenna, under fuselage in line with pilot's seat, antenna rod forward of cockpit, dive flaps, one oval window on both sides of fuselage aft of wings.
3. Six tank cars of fuel destined for the airfield were unloaded at the Strausberg railroad branch line station on 26 April 1950.
4. From 60 to 70 large crates with engines, and two cranes arrived by rail for the Strausberg Air Force Depot on 3 May 1950. *
5. Twenty-five boxcars were switched from the Strausberg suburb to Strausberg on 6 May 1950. They returned to the suburb in the evening. The cars were unloaded in the meantime since the switching engines could pull only half of the train on the way there but the entire train on the way back. Heavy supply traffic for the air force depot has been observed recently.

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6. There was no flying at the field between 27 April and 6 May 1950.

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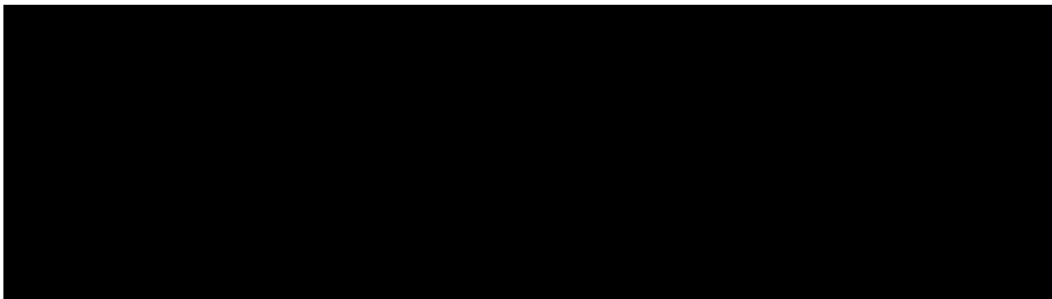
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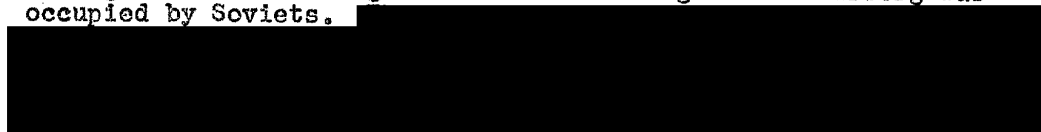
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8. The field was occupied by 40 twin-engine planes covered with tarpaulins on 20 May 1950. A few flights have been made recently. From 30 to 40 laborers worked on expanding a small strip south of the field. The approach road from the town to the field was being enlarged.
9. The airfield was observed between 1:30 and 3:30 p.m. on 12 May 1950. The sky was slightly cloudy. There was no flying except for the landing of three twin-engine planes. From 35 to 40 twin-engine low-wing monoplanes, covered with tarpaulins, were on the northern edge of the field. ** Two radio trucks, each with an antenna 8 to 10 meters high, were on the western edge of the field. German men and women did grading work on the southern edge where narrow-gauge field rails and dump cars were seen.
10. The planes which landed had two in-line engines, slight dihedral on wings between engine and wing-tip, no plexiglass nose, two cockpits, landing gear retractable rearward, dihedral elevator assembly.
11. A large school building on the northern edge of Strausberg was occupied by Soviets. 25X1B

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25X1A * ~~Comment.~~ The information on the arrival of aircraft engines again confirms that, among other equipment, aircraft engines are stored in the depot. The type designation of the engines could not be learned. The depot apparently also supplies tank trucks to airfields in the Soviet Zone of Germany.

25X1A ** ~~Comment.~~ The three sources confirm the previous assumption that the airfield was occupied by about 40 twin-engine planes. One bomber regiment is believed to be stationed in Strausberg. The presence of two different twin-engine aircraft types, with one and two cockpits, with and without plexiglass noses, is again confirmed.

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